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SUBJ MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR MTNS, JULY 9

1. GATT PREPCOM MEETING OF JULY 9, DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT REPORT (W/6), WAS DOMINATED BY LDC REPS WHO MADE EXPECTED DEMANDS FOR MENTION OF LDC INTERESTS IN EVERY POSSIBLE SECTION OF REPORT AND FOR ENDORSEMENT OF LDC POINTS BY PREPCOM INSTEAD OF THESE POINTS BEING STATED AS LDC VIEWS. A GROUP OF LDCS, LED BY PAKISTAN AND INCLUDING AT LEAST CHILE AND JAMAICA, PREPARED EXTENSIVE WRITTEN PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT. OTHER LDCS, NOTABLY BRAZIL AND TO A LESSER EXTENT INDIA, MADE INDEPENDENT STATEMENTS, WHICH, ALTHOUGH THEY STATED THEIR SUPPORT OF PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY PAKISTAN, IN SOME RESPECTS DIFFERED FROM PAKISTAN GROUP'S PRESENTATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE ON THE ISSUE OF ABSOLUTE NON-RECIPROCITY.

2. USREP MADE GENERAL STATEMENT AT BEGINNING OF MEETING ARGUING FOR NOT TAKING FINAL ACTION ON REPORT, WHICH SUPPOSED TO SUPPORT DECLARATION, UNTIL DECLARATION IN FINAL FORM. U.S. ARGUMENT THAT REPORT COULD BE DRASTICALLY ABBREVIATED BY DROPPING UNCLASSIFIED

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MATERIAL WHICH SUMMARIZED COMMITTEE REPORTS DREW LITTLE

SUPPORT.

3. HOWEVER, U.S. ARGUMENT AGAINST DISTINCTION BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AS REGARDS NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES DID GET SOME REPOSE, NOT ONLY FROM EXPECTED ALLIES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, BUT ALSO FROM MALAYSIA, WHOSE REP SAID REPORT ODD IN THAT IT SUGGESTED THAT TARIFFS EXISTED ONLY IN INDUSTRY. HE SUGGESTED REPORT SHOULD TALK OF TARIFFS AND NTBS AS GENERAL PROBLEMS FOR ALL TRADE -- NOT UNDER LABEL "INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS"--THEN ADD A FEW PARAGRAPHS ON PROBLEMS REGARDING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

4. EC REP DEVOTED HIMSELF MAINLY TO SUMMARIZING EC POSITIONS FOUND IN THE "VUE D'ENSEMBLE". STATED EC WOULD USE THE "VUE D'ENSEMBLE" AS BASIS FOR PROPOSALS IT WOULD MAKE TO SECRETARIAT FOR REVISION OF DRAFT REPORT. HE GOT INTO MILD HOT WATER WITH LDCS BY REFUSING TO AGREE THAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION IN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. LONG REMINDED COMMITTEE IT WOULD MEET AGAIN THURSDAY TO DISCUSS DRAFT DECLARATION; SAID SECRETARIAT WOULD COMMENCE REDRAFTING REPORT. DATE OF DISCUSSION OF SECOND DRAFT WILL BE DECIDED THURSDAY.BASSIN

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